Electronic Exchanges (all type were opened in Rajasthan as given in Annexure-II.

[*See* Appendix 159, Annexure No. 19]

(b) Names of places where large Electronic Exchanges (MAX-I) are planned to be opened during 1991-92 alongwith their capacity are given at Annexure-III.

[*See* Appendix 159, Annexure No. 20]

Besides 4140 Nos. of small and Medium sized Electronic Exchanges are also planned to be opened in 1991-92.

(c) Dynamic S.T.D. facility is available in Rajasthan to subscribers served by E-10B Exchanges at Jaipur, Jodhpur and Sriganganagar.

Bus passengers killed in Ropar, Punjab

*151. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that about 30 bus passengers were gunned down in Ropar, Punjab, off the Kharar-Kurali main road by the militants on March 22, 1991;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to arrest the culprits;

(c) whether any security arrangements were made by the employees; and

(d) the compensation paid to the next of kin of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Punjab 27 passengers were killed and three others were injured near Kurali, district Ropar on 22-3-1991. Ten members of the killer gang were identified. Seven of them were killed in subsequent encounters with the police.

(c) No Sir. The employer, i.e., the Swaraj Mazda factory had not provided security arrangements to these persons.

(d) Ex-gratia grant of Rs. 50,000/- has beeen paid to the next of kin of those killed. The three injured have been paid ex-gratia grant of Rs. 5,000/- each.

फिजी में भारतीय मूल के लोगों के साथ भेदभाव

*152. डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 12 मार्च, 1991 के स्टेट्समैन में "डिस्क्रिमिनेशन इन फिजी हाइलाइटड" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने फिजी में भारतीय मूल के लोगों के प्रति आर्थिक और राजनीतिक भेदभाव को बन्द करने के लिये फिजी सरकार के साथ इस मामले को उठाया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधव सिंह सोलंकी) (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जी नहीं । स्वर्गीय डा० बवान्द्र के नेतृत्व वाली लोकतांत्रिक तरीके से चुनी गयी सरकार को सत्ता से हटा कर दिसम्बर, 1987 में सत्ता में आये फिजी के गैर-कानूनी शासन को भारत सरकर मान्यता नहीं देती है ?

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Tapping of telephones.

*153. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone tapping is still continuing;